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**Subject: PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM TOWER
VIEWSHED DELINEATION –POTENTIAL SENSITIVE RECEPTORS
PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM
DOCKET NO. (09-AFC-7C)**

Enclosed for filing with the California Energy Commission is the electronic version of **PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM TOWER VIEWSHED DELINEATION –POTENTIAL SENSITIVE RECEPTORS**, for the Palen Solar Electric Generating System (09-AFC-7C).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marie Fleming".

Marie Fleming

Viewshed Delineation for
Power Towers

Legend

- PSEGS Site Boundary
- PSEGS Power Towers
- 30-Mile Visual Impact Threshold Distance

PSEGS Power Towers Viewshed Delineation

- Visible
(26.66% of 30-mile Threshold Impacted)
- Not Visible

Specifications:
Viewsheds produced using 30-meter DEM.
Source: USGS National Elevation Dataset
Tower height: 759 feet
Viewer height: 6 feet

- Joshua Tree National Park
- BLM ACEC
- BLM Wilderness
- Bradshaw Trail

SR: Sensitive Receptor

Sensitive Receptors (SR) - SRs are areas or vantage points within the PSEGS Visual Impact Threshold Distance (30 miles radius) with the potential to experience what could be perceived as visual intrusion from the proposed project. These points and others have been vetted through existing literature review, desktop research, and professional experience. Data sources for this research include: extensive GIS viewshed delineations for the major project components, and management designers mapping exercises, BLM VRM classifications, NPS expectations, BLM, CEC, and NPS web sites, Google Earth Pro reconnaissance, aerial photography, USGS maps, and other data sources.

After the primary research (field work) has been completed the most pertinent SR points will be evaluated/analyzed for their potential as actual KOPs. The resultant SR points will be quantitatively evaluated to identify the most visually sensitive, based on a multi-criteria decision analysis matrix. The highest scoring SRs will be elevated to KOP status, and will be used for visual simulation and visual analysis.

3DSCAPE



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**FOR THE PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC
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Docket No. 09-AFC-7C

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

I, Marie Fleming, declare that on April 8, 2013, I served and filed copies of the attached, **PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM TOWER VIEWSHED DELINEATION –POTENTIAL SENSITIVE RECEPTORS** dated March 20, 2013. This document is accompanied by the most recent Proof of Service, which I copied from the web page for this project at: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palen/compliance/>.

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Dated: April 8, 2013



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